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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV FOREIGN OFFICE ON ZONE B

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1. PUBLISHED VERSION FSFA SPOKESMAN ZUPAN'S APRIL 11 STATEMENT (REF A) WAS AS WE HAD ANTICIPATED, MORE PRECISE, STATING THAT YUGOSLAVIA "FAVORABLY ASSESSES" THE EXPRESSED US POSITION IF IT MEANS THE US "DISASSOCIATES ITSELF FROM ITALIAN REVANCHISM TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA" (REF C). THIS IS FAR MORE POSITIVE THAN INITIAL YUGOSLAV REACTION APRIL 5 AND 6 TO DEPARTMENTAL PRESS SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT, IN WHICH YUGOSLAVS CHARGED THAT STATEMENT IMPLIED THERE WAS AGGRESSION ON THE PART OF BOTH PARTIES AND THAT THE US PUT ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA ON AN "EQUAL FOOTING."

2. WE FIND IT INTERESTING THAT QUESTION AT ZUPAN PRESS CONFERENCE (PRESUMABLY PLANTED) RE GREAT SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE ON MACEDONIA GAVE GOY OPPORTUNITY EXPRESS OFFICIAL DISSATISFACTION WITH SOVIET VIEWS ON MACEDONIA AT SAME TIME AS TRIESTE ISSUE DISCUSSED (SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 12 HE HOPED SOVIET UNION COULD STAY OUT OF BULGARIAN-YUGOSLAV QUARRELS OVER MACEDONIA, AND THAT WHEN YUGOSLAVS STUDIED FULL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TEXT ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE CAREFULLY THEY WOULD CONCLUDE IT IS

EVENHANDED). BY MENTIONING TRIESTE AND MACEDONIA PROBLEMS IN
SAME BREATH (AS DID INFORMATION SECRETARY BUDIMOVSKI, EMBTEL
1622), ZUPAN REINFORCED POSITION TAKEN BY DEPUTY FOREIGN
SECRETARY PETRIC IN TALK WITH AMBASSADOR THAT STRONG REACTION
AGAINST ITALIAN MOVES INTENDED AS SIGNAL TO ANYONE WHO MIGHT
HAVE HOSTILE DESIGNS ON YUGOSLAVIA. TOON

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